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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Maricle, Vice Chairman David Parmelee, Doug Moore, Mayor and Council Liaison Rick Byrd

Staff Member(s): Town Planner / Zoning Administrator, Reiley Stanley

Absent: Jon Hart, Steve Jamison

Citizen(s): Ed Stanfield, Joe Rakich, Robert Welty

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting

Minutes approved, as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Rezoning 7514 Old Nation Pike

Ed Stanfield was present representing Mr. Rakich, he stated that this is something that would meet many goals set forth in the Town's Comprehensive Plan as well as match many of the other zonings that are currently surrounding the property. The Commission discussed why this was brought to the Commission again, Reiley explained that this is now the formal vote, and nothing is changing in their request. It was noted that Mayor Long and Reiley discussed that this matter does not need to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals for their review unless the Mayor & Council vote to deny the application. Chairman Maricle stated that there were public notices that needed to go out and the property needed to be posted. Reiley explained that those two things were taken care of and it was posted on Monday. The newspaper legal notices went out during the periods that they needed.

The Commission unanimously voted in favor of the rezoning for 7514 Old National Pike from Town Residential to General Commercial and for the Mayor and Council to vote on this matter on March 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

Interview with Robert Welty

Chairman Maricle called Mr. Welty to the front of the room. Mr. Welty introduced himself to the Commission. Chairman Maricle asked him to tell the Commission about himself. Mr. Welty spoke about his life in the military and his ranking. He spoke about his deployments and how he was the Pastor at the Boonsboro Bible Church for 14 years. He explained that he has a drive for serving the nation and now he wants to serve the community he lives in. Doug Moore asked if travel/deployment would be an issue if he were to be appointed to this position on the Planning Commission. Mr. Welty explained that he now works from home and for the foreseeable future he will be doing so. He would like to take a step back from deployments and focus on life here.

After the interview Chairman Maricle stated that Mr. Welty would also be a good fit for the Boonsboro Economic Development Commission. Reiley and Council Liaison Byrd stated that that Commission was rebuilding but it would be a good idea to get Mr. Welty in contact with the Town Manager. Vice Chairman Parmelee stated that he would be able to join two commissions if he would like to and that he could see strengths on serving for both the Planning Commission and the Economic Development Commission.

The Commission stated that they will review the information that was given to them and they would be in touch.

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

Reiley updated the Commission on the three new permits received:

1. St Paul Street is ready to begin, we should see movement there very soon.
2. Reeders is going to be renovating the cafeteria.
3. 12 S Main Street will be renovation its upstairs into an apartment.

Reiley told the Commission about the meeting between Town Staff and the development team for King Road. She stated that they were still trying to overcome the problems with finding which way to route sewer and water. They also are still working through how they will pay for the Warrior Boulevard. Chairman Maricle added that they were given the water model from WRA and that within the next few months we all should see the sewer model from WRA. This would be helpful to their development as they would be able to see where they should hook in for sewer. He also explained that the money from Sycamore Run was to pay for Warrior Boulevard but it has not done that yet.

ADJOURN

Robert Maricle adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Reiley Stanley, Town Planner/Zoning Administrator
Town of Boonsboro